ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

December 13, 2013

1) Find that the environmental impact report (EIR) dated December 9, 1981 and the previously certified Supplemental EIR dated June 1, 1984 on file with Planning & Development Services as Environmental Review Number 84-08-003 was completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State and County CEQA Guidelines and that the Planning Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained therein and the Addendum thereto dated November 8, 2013 on file with DPLU as Environmental Review Number 84-08-003B before approving the project; and

Find that there are no changes in the project or in the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that involve significant new environmental impacts which were not considered in the previously certified EIR dated June 1, 1984, that there is no substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects, and that no new information of substantial importance has become available since the EIR was certified as explained in the Environmental Review Update Checklist dated December 13, 2013.

- 2) Adopt the Mitigation and Monitoring Program as incorporated into the project conditions of approval pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091(d).
- 3) Find that plans and documentation have been prepared for the proposed project that demonstrate that the project complies with the Watershed Protection, Stormwater Management, and Discharge Control Ordinance (County Code, section 67.801 et seq.).
- 4) Find that the project is consistent with the Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP), the County Subarea Plan and the Biological Mitigation Ordinance (County Code, section 86.501 et seq.) as explained in the MSCP Conformance Statement dated December 2, 2012 on file with Planning & Development Services as Environmental Review Number 84-08-003B.
- 5) The County has requested a Boundary Adjustment from the Wildlife Agencies. The request and appropriate findings of fact were accepted and concurred in on December 17, 2012. The Wildlife Agencies have determined that the project boundaries are acceptable as the hardline preserve boundary under the Lake Hodges Segment of the MSCP.
- 6) The Open Space Easement Vacation is appropriate because, while dedicated, it has not been exacted as mitigation because the impacts have not occurred. The Vacation and rededication of open space easements in a slightly different configuration is appropriate and will result in an overall benefit to the resources.